




**Superintendent's Compendium  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.**

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, enhanced visitor safety and resource protection in order to ensure protection of significant American cultural resources conserved at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. Wherever possible, the superintendent will endeavor to make park resources available and accessible.

**Johnson Family Deeded Access and Ranch Lands Use**

The children and grandchildren of the President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson are granted full, unrestricted access to the LBJ Ranch at any time. Deeds recorded at the time of land and structures donation allow for unimpeded access to the children and grandchildren. It is the decision of management that the Johnson family, their guests, employees, and official representatives will be afforded a wide degree of deference as they conduct ranching and family business in and around NPS owned and operated property.

Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

**Visiting Hours:**

Park facilities are open year-round except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day.  
Park Grounds in Johnson City are open rear year round sunrise to sunset.

**Johnson City District**

- Visitor Center open 9:00am-5:00pm
- Boyhood Home open for guided tours 9:00am-5:00pm (last tour begins at 4:30pm)
- Event Center open 9:00am-5:00pm (except when used under Special Use Permit)
- Johnson Settlement and trails are open sunrise to sunset

**LBJ Ranch District:**

- Hangar visitor contact station is open 9:00am-5:00 pm. Management may adjust visitor hours seasonally.
- Texas White House tours operate 10:00am-4:30 pm. Management may adjust visitor hours seasonally.
- The Ranch Tour Route and grounds are open with a free permit issued at the LBJ State Park for public access and displayed in vehicle during the hours of 9:00am-5:30pm. Management may adjust visitor hours seasonally.
- Park Road 49 is open for inbound traffic with a permit from 9:00am-4:30pm.

### Closures:

The following roads are closed to public motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians and/or any other methods of transportation during the periods indicated for the purpose of traffic control and resource protection.

- Johnson Settlement Road closed year-round.
- Back Forty (Administrative) Road: closed year-round to public vehicle traffic.
- Back Forty Administrative Areas: closed year-round.
- Texas White House complex-closed to vehicle traffic excluding bicycles and authorized vehicles.
- Historic entrance road leading to and across the Johnson Dam.

### Public Use Limits:

The following park areas and facilities are closed to public use during the periods indicated:

- Boyhood Home Interior : closed year-round to public entry (exception: NPS guided tours)
- Texas White House Interior and fenced yard, closed year-round to public entry (exception: NPS guided tours, Johnson family, and Friends of LBJ sponsored events)
- Johnson Family Cemetery: closed year-round to public entry (exception: relatives, family, and invited guests of those interred or being interred in the cemetery; and special events or tours authorized by Superintendent or Johnson Family).
- Reconstructed Birthplace Interior: closed year-round to public entry (exception: NPS guided tours, Johnson Family).
- South bank of the Pedernales River between the Johnson Dam and the west boundary fence: closed year-round to public entry. (exception: participants floating or boating on the Pedernales River who must take-out to bypass the Johnson Dam or leave the river.)
- Johnson Dam: closed year-round to public entry (exception: NPS sponsored events).

*Visiting hours, closures and public use limits are intended to safely manage visitor use of historic structures and landscapes entrusted to the staff and management of the national historical park. The use limits have been in-place since 2008 or longer. There have been few public comments on operating hours or visitor limits. The restrictions have served to safeguard irreplaceable resources to date and I do not believe constitute an unreasonable limitation on the public.*

### Unmanned aircraft:

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communications links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

This prohibition does not apply to the approved use of model aircraft for hobbyist and recreational use established under a special use permit issued prior to March 2015.

*The compendium closures required by the Director of the National Park Service are implemented and deemed necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the national park system and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. NPS Management Policies 2006, states that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Johnson City Event Center has been designated for rent and use by park partners, organizations, and individuals for appropriate private events. Use of the Johnson City Event Center shall require a Special Use Permit.

## **II. 36 CFR §1.6 – PERMITS**

The CFR authorizes a superintendent to issue a permit to authorize an otherwise prohibited or restricted activity or impose a public use limit. A companion document related to permits is included in SOP-PM-08, Supplement 1, "Permit Policy Guidance and Provision." The following are a list of activities where the superintendent has taken specific actions to describe a use. This document is not intended to re-state regulations already covered by 36 C.F.R.

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net, unless otherwise prescribed by state law or Federal Law 111-24, Section 512 effective on February 22, 2010. Visitors who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, may legally possess firearms in the park. National Park Service policy will follow the laws of the State of Texas in regard to carry and possession of a weapon on park lands. Possession of a firearm inside a federal building is prohibited.
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
  - Overnight camping, except for individuals participating in the Volunteer-in-Parks program, or exercising a Special Use Permit (SUP).
- §3.3 Use of a vessel. The Pedernales River is publicly owned and administered by the State of Texas. NPS does not limit use of the river other than access to or crossing of the Johnson and Jordan dams.

## **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:**

- Visitors on guided tours of the interior of the Texas White House and Boyhood Home are limited to pathways delineated by ropes, signs, stanchions, and other access control devices.
- Visitors are restricted from entering the fenced yard area of the Texas White House unless accompanied by a NPS official or member of the Johnson family.
- Visitors to the Johnson Family Cemetery are restricted to the area outside the stone walls.
- Visitors to the Birthplace Home and Junction School must remain within interior established viewing areas.
- Visitors to the Show Barn are restricted from entering animal pens or corrals occupied by ranch livestock.
- Visitors to the Withers & Spaulding exhibit center are limited to areas delineated by ropes, signs, stanchions and other access control devices.

**(c)(1), (c) (2) The following fruits, nuts, berries may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:**

- A reasonable quantity of pecans (enough for personal consumption) typically 1 quart, per person, per day.

- Pecans may be gathered from the LBJ Ranch in publicly accessible areas and the Johnson Settlement/Event Center area.

### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:**

- All areas of the park.
- Exception: Wildlife counts (White Tailed Deer, Blackbuck Antelope, Axis deer) for resource management.

### **36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1)** Campfires and grill fires are allowed in above-ground containers within the Volunteer-in-Parks camping areas of the park. Bonfires of any type are prohibited. No open fires of any kind are allowed in the park when Blanco or Gillespie County authorities have designated a burn ban. No fire shall be left unattended. (36 CFR Sec. 2.13(a)(4))

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

- Pets are prohibited in the Texas White House yard.
- Pets are prohibited in the interior of the Cattle Showbarn including stock pens and immediate areas within 25 ft
- Pet excrement shall be properly disposed of by their owners.
- Pets are not allowed within any park structure except for assistance animals.
- This prohibition shall not apply to any guide/service dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons, or any other disabled visitors requiring service animals.

*Park management has endeavored to make historic resources are open and available, as reasonably possible, to public access. Because hunting is not allowed in the national historical park I believe it is appropriate to prohibit "spotlighting" as the activity is inherently associated with hunting. Campfires in campgrounds are a tradition as old as the NPS itself, therefore I believe it should be afforded to overnight campers in the volunteer sites. Limitations on pets are made to help the maintenance department keep walkways free of debris and pet waste. The ranch foreman has requested a limitation of pets in the Show Barn in order to safeguard the cattle and nearby public from injury. Additionally, prohibitions on pets in the above named areas serve to avert health risks and prevent inappropriate contact between the pets and people, and pets and livestock. Pets, can be threatening and even the best behaved domestic animal can be unpredictable, therefore allowing pets inside historic structures and on tours is maintained to protect historic structures and safeguard the public.*

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:**

- Johnson Settlement with the exception of the exterior porch of the Event Center and common area.
- All public buildings and workspaces with the exception of designated exterior smoking areas.
- NPS-operated vehicles

**(b) For purposes of this prohibition the definition of smoking shall extend to all forms of smoking to include electronic cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and Vapes or Vapor Cigarettes.**

- Under this policy, the use of e-cigarettes and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) will be subject to the same restrictions as tobacco smoking. All provisions of Director's Order #50 will apply to ENDS. ENDS use will not be allowed within all facilities and vehicles that are Government owned or leased, and within concessions facilities.

*Executive Order 13058, August 9, 1997, and Ch.11 of the DOI DM 11 establishes a smoke-free environment for Federal employees and members of the visiting public using federal facilities.*

*These closures were implemented January 10, 1990 in order to reduce the risk of fire in the Johnson Settlement grasslands and historic areas, to protect museum collections on display and to reduce conflicts among visitor use activities in public areas.*

**36 CFR §2.51(e) - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS and**  
**36 CFR §2.52(c)(4) - SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

**The Superintendent has designated the following areas as available for public assemblies and the sale or distribution of printed material.**

**LBJ Ranch District** (see attached Map A, area notated in blue)

- At the entrance to the ranch, on the west side of the Park Road 49 and Klein Road intersection.
- At the Birthplace, the field area south and east of the main trail, and bordered on the east by the wooden fence, north of PR 49
- The field area southwest of the show barn bordered by the roadway to the south and west
- The "movie" field area north of the tarmac, bordered on the west by Malechek road, and to the north and east by the fence line
- The area east of the tarmac and north of the Taxi-way parking

**Johnson City District** (see attached Map B, area notated in blue)

- The back yard of the Boyhood Home, within the fence area, bordered on the south of Ladybird Lane
- The area south of Ladybird Lane, east of Walker House, west of G street
- In the Settlement, at the Johnson City Event Center, picnic area

*Effective October, 2010. Regulations have been imposed to protect park resources, to prevent conflicts with program activities and public use facilities, to prevent the disturbance of the atmosphere of peace and tranquility in historic zones. These regulations provide for the issuance of a special use permit for areas at the described sites for the purpose of public assembly or public meeting for groups larger than 25 participants.*

**36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

**(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- All tanks, and ponds in all areas of the park.
- Public use of Texas White House swimming pool.

*The park does not maintain public swimming facilities. The tanks and ponds on the LBJ Ranch are in areas accessed by cattle herd and may contain high levels of fecal coliform or other vectors harmful to humans.*

**36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

Travel off-road by the public is prohibited. Members of the Johnson family, their representatives, or delegates may enjoy access to all areas of the park when activity is accomplished in a low-impact manner.

*The public may pull-off adjacent to all tour designated roadways in order to enjoy a view or step out of the vehicle to investigate an item of interest. The Johnson family are partners in the park's operation and are deeded access to all areas of the park through the lives of the president's grandchildren.*

**36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

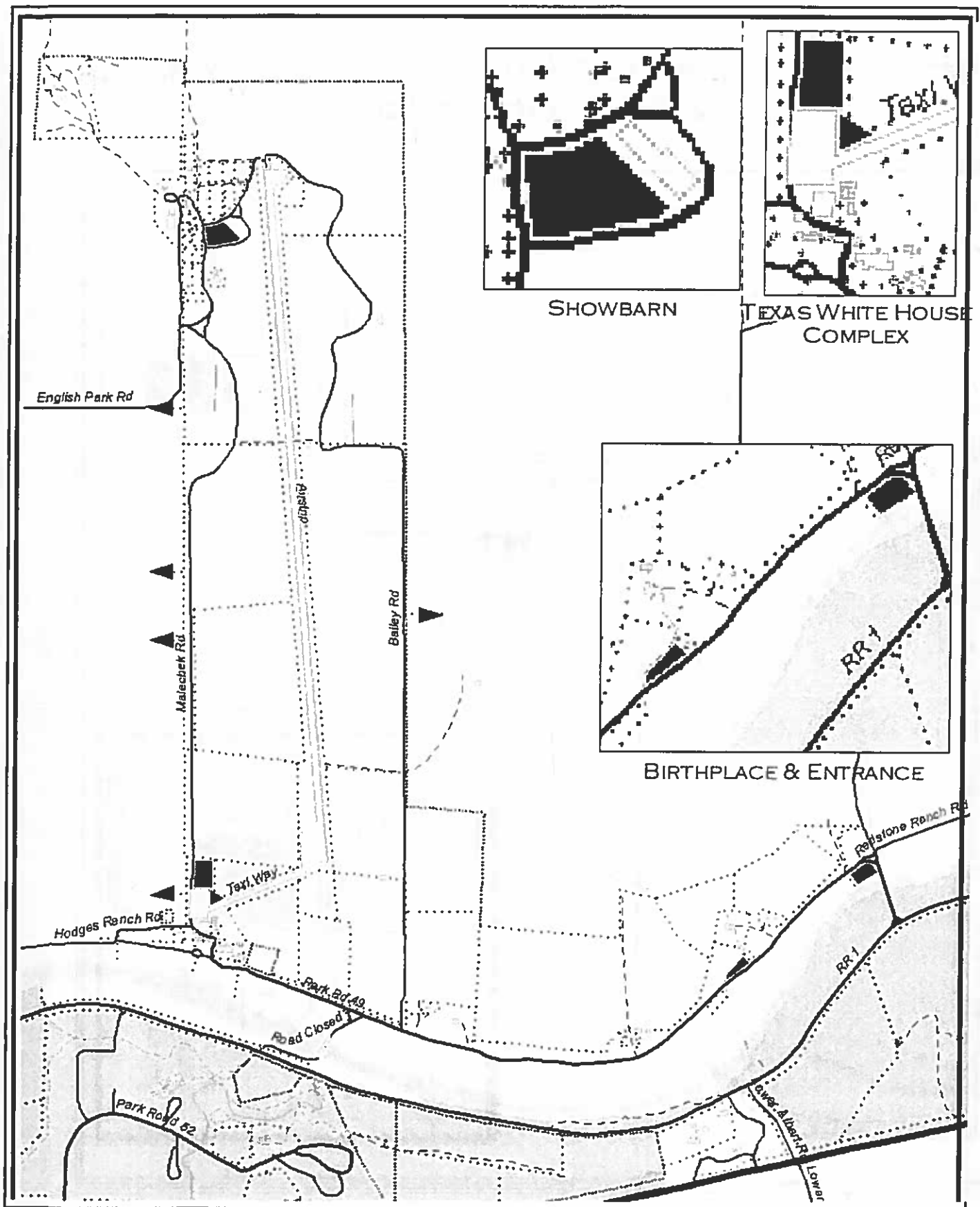
- Park Road 49 -- 25 mph except for the following locations:
  - Johnson Family Cemetery -- 15 mph
  - Texas White House complex area --10mph
- Bailey Road-25 mph
- Show Barn area -- 15 mph
- Malechek Road—25 mph

- Tarmac and Taxiway Parking area—5 mph
- Johnson Settlement historic area roads -- 10 mph
- Headquarters and Visitor Center parking areas -- 10 mph.
- Back 40 road -- 25 mph

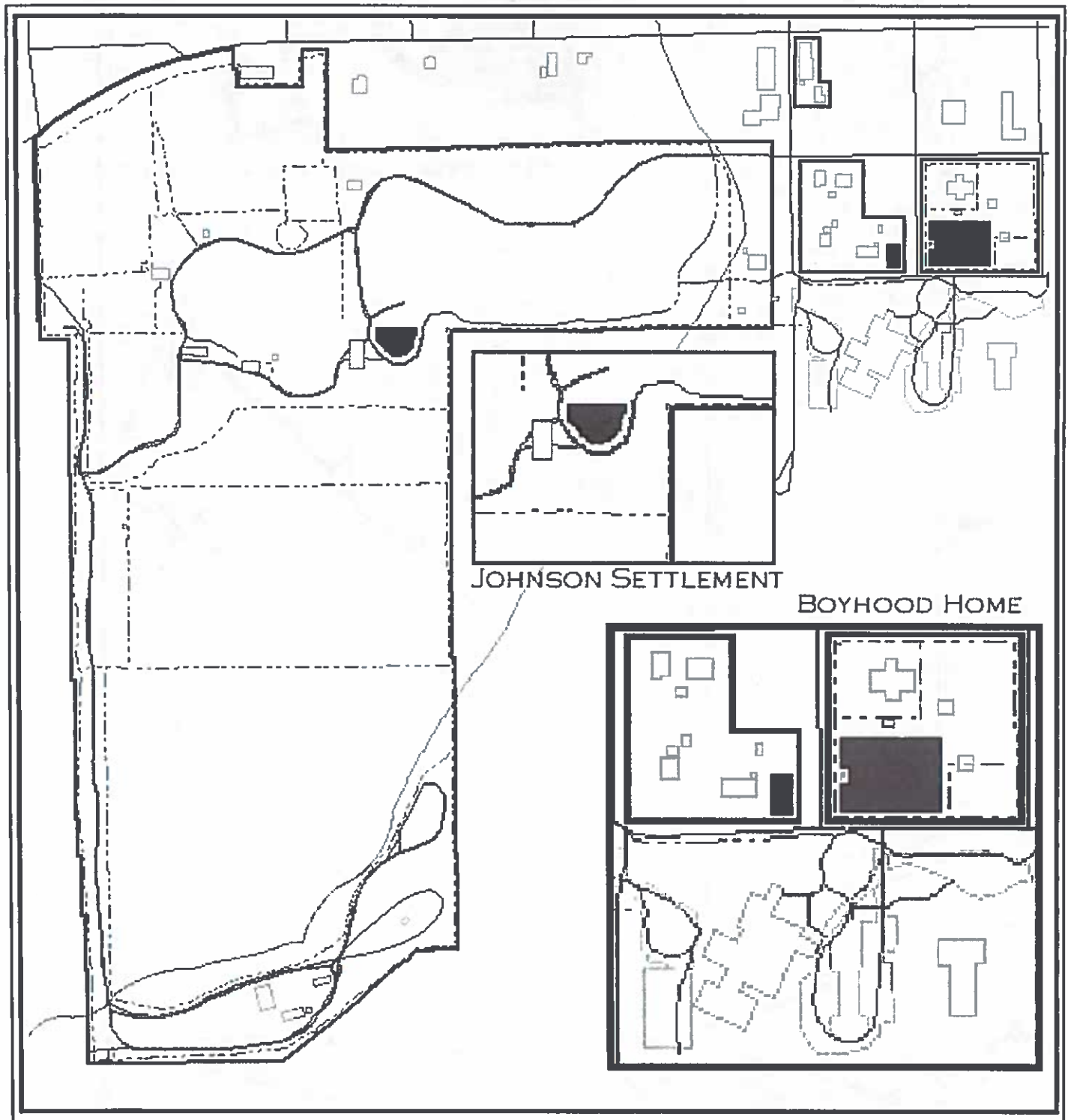
*Speed limits have been imposed to control traffic speed on the park's narrow, unlined roads. Low limits on Park Road 49 are needed to foster a safe environment near the Johnson Family Cemetery because of the interaction of pedestrians with private vehicles, tour buses, ranch residents, NPS vehicles, and livestock. Low limits on the Johnson Settlement roads are necessitated by the roads serving as walking/hiking/biking trails.*

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

Park roadways on the LBJ Ranch and in the Johnson City district are open for bicycle use unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are authorized to operate on the paved road within the Texas White House Complex. The Johnson Settlement trails are available for bicycles and Segways.



## ***Attachment B: Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park Johnson City District***



 = Areas available for public assembly and sale or distribution of printed material.